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BIOCOMPATIBLE CROSSLINKED POLYMERS

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The present patent application is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/147,897, entitled "Methods And Devices For Preparing Protein Concentrates,"^{now abandoned} which is a United States national stage application of Patent Cooperation Treaty application PCT/US/16897 (publication number WO 98/12274), which has a priority date based on United States applications 60/026,526; 60/039,904; and 60/040,417. The present patent application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/454,900, entitled "Biocompatible Crosslinked Polymers,"^{now U.S. Patent No. 6,566,406} which has a priority date based on United States patent application 60/110,849. The present patent application claims priority to these other patents and patent applications which are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Field Of The Invention

20 The present invention relates generally to biocompatible crosslinked polymers, methods for preparing and using same.

Background of the Invention

25 Almost every surgical treatment carries a risk that bodily tissues exposed during the course of the surgery will adhere to each other, a condition termed an adhesion. Gynecological and abdominal surgeries, in particular, are prone to causing adhesions, which often have the appearance of scar-like masses. Adhesions are frequently painful